August 25, 1987

Honorable Lloyd G. Connelly Member of the Assembly State Capitol, Room 2176 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Your Request for Advice

Our File No. I-87-231

Dear Lloyd:

Your letter of August 18 to Chairman Larson has been referred to me for reponse.

You have asked for information concerning personal use of campaign funds. I enclose copies of Elections Code Sections 12400-12405, which govern this issue. These statutes are not part of the Political Reform Act, $\frac{1}{2}$ / the body of statutes which the Commission is charged with administering and interpreting. Therefore, we are unable to provide advice on their application.

I suggest that you contact the Attorney General's Office with your questions on this topic. That office is responsible for interpreting the personal use laws.

Please feel free to contact us again if we can provide any assistance in the future.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Griffiths General Counsel

DMG: km

cc: Chairman Larson

<u>1</u>/ Government Code Sections 81000-91015. All statutory references are to the Government Code unless otherwise noted.

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MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE SIXTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

August 18, 1987

John Larson, Chairman
Fair Political Practices Commission
488 J Street, Suite 800
P.O. Box 807
Sacramento, CA 95804

Dear Mr. Larson:

Recently I have been contacted by a constituent who is concerned about candidates' use of campaign monies for private trips and paying the salaries of relatives. Would you please forward to me copies of any statutes/regulations which pertain to this issue? Any additional information which you believe would clarify my understanding regarding this issue would be most appreciated as well.

Thank you for your assistance.

Cordially,

LLOYD G. CONNELLY Member of the Assembly

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cc: Mrs. Mooney